

- **Convolution:** $(f * g)(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tau)g(t - \tau)d\tau$
 - Key property: $\mathcal{L}[(f * g)(t)] = F(s)G(s)$
 - $(g * f)(t) = (f * g)(t)$ Convolution is commutative
 - Implies $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tau)g(t - \tau)d\tau = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t - \tau)g(\tau)d\tau$
 - Proof of this formula using a double integral and a change of variables with a Jacobian determinant
- Convolution on a finite range $[0, t]$:
 - $(f * g)(t) = \int_0^t f(\tau)g(t - \tau)d\tau$
- Meaning of convolution: Convolution is the amount of overlap of g as it is shifted through another function f .
- Applications
 - Signals (audio/visual) processing and filtering
 - Probability distribution of two independent variables
 - Mixing problems
 - Radioactive dumping/decay
 - The amount of radioactive material is the convolution of a dumping function and the decay function